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TOP: Outreach Manager Scott Villarreal and Outreach Assistant Pam Cox are committed to expanding library services throughout the community (see p. 6).

BOTTOM: Missouri Career Center Business Services Specialist Larry Lovig brings career services to Ozark and Nixa Branch every Tuesday (see p. 4).



New Faces at Christian County Library



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The number of people employed by the Christian County Library is nearly double what was at this time last year. Beginning last spring, the library embarked on the process of finding just the right people to staff our Nixa Branch, to cover expanded hours at our Clever Branch, and to fill the needs that come with being a multi-branch public library system.

While library patrons don't often interact with some library departments, extra staff in those behind-the-scenes departments can make a big difference in your experience as a library patron. Take Collection Development. The folks in this department select, order, and catalog your library books, and also maintain the library collection on the shelves to make sure that the books, DVDs, and other materials the library offers are community-driven and well-organized. Staff hours devoted to the MOBIUS/InterLibrary Loan department have increased as well. If we don't own the item you want, they're going to do their best to find another library that will lend it to you and make sure it's processed and delivered to you as efficiently as possible. Extra hours in IT mean we can more quickly address computer issues and expand technology

training and assistance to library patrons. Additional staff hours in our Outreach department mean you'll see us finding more and better ways to serve patrons outside of Ozark and Nixa, including a better pick-up and drop-off location for patrons in the Highlandville/Spokane and Billings areas (see p. 6) and a new weekly storytime in Sparta at the Sparta Fire Station (see p. 20.)

Finally, if you're reading the PageTurner for the classes and events, more staff responsible for planning library events means we're offering even more events for every age group and at every branch, plus a wider variety of class topics to suit more interests. If you're receiving the PageTurner by email, watch out for our survey about library programs at the end of 2018 and take a few moments to let us know what library classes and events you've enjoyed, and what you'd like to see more of in the future.

Find Your Next Career at Your Local Library Branch

Each first Tuesday afternoon of the month, Larry Lovig leaves the Missouri Job Center in Branson, where he works as a Business Services Specialist, a little earlier than usual. Lovig drives to the Christian County Library Nixa Branch, where he sets up at a table near the public computers and service desk with some information about the Missouri Job Center. People stop by his table periodically to chat, and usually leave with some informational pamphlets and Lovig's business card in hand. After the Nixa Branch, he'll travel to the Ozark Branch. This is "Meet the Job Center," a partnership between the Christian County Library and the Missouri Job Center designed to raise awareness among job seekers and employers in the county about the resources and services available to them at the Missouri Job Center.

There is no Missouri Job Center location in Christian County, and that's true for many areas of the state. In fact, there are 35 career center locations across the state, while there are 364 library facilities. Library users

frequently use library services to search for employment, complete online applications, create resumes, and complete basic and advanced workforce skill development activities such as online classes, career research, and career readiness tests.

Library users often also ask for assistance with these activities from library staff. The library provides a number of tools to assist job seekers such as Book-a-Trainer sessions (one-on-one technology tutoring with a library trainer) the Reference USA database for job searching and business information, Small Business Builder to help create a business plan, and educational and career test preparation resources. But the Missouri Job Center in particular is uniquely positioned to match employers with employees, and help identify and provide job seekers the skills and knowledge they need to obtain employment.

For example, Change One Thousand, a program developed by the Missouri Job Center in Springfield,



is an eight-day class that teaches soft skills, time management, personal finance, creating a professional image, resume building and more. (Register at changeonethousand.org.)

For job seekers, the Missouri Job Center also offers programs and services such as career exploration, networking, resume preparation, preparing for the interview process, basic computer skills, adult education and literacy programs, career-related self-assessments, and “Earn While You Learn,” which offers short and long term training opportunities, including apprenticeships and on-the-job training. The Missouri Job Center offers services and information for employers as well, such as job matching, writing job descriptions, posting and promoting jobs, and selecting candidates. The Job Center can also host recruitment events and arrange interview space in its centers.

In spite of the extensive list of services, it can be difficult to for any organization to raise awareness among

those who can benefit from the services. Since the library and the Job Center have some shared goals, a partnership was a natural fit. And it’s already having an impact. Explained Lovig, “The most memorable experience was helping an individual obtain employment who had been struggling in his job search activities for some time. After speaking with [him at the library], he was provided with assistance from Job Center staff {with}...the interview process, resume development, and career exploration. He was able to take advantage of a hiring event that was being offered at the Job Center, which ended in an offer of employment.”

Stop by the Ozark or Nixa Branch Libraries to learn more about how the Missouri Jobs Center can assist you, or visit a Missouri Job Center location in Springfield or Branson.

New Pick-Up and Drop-Off Locations Pop-Up Around the County

Christian County is 564 square miles, and home to about 85,000 people. Half of the population of the county lives outside of its two largest cities of Ozark and Nixa. While Christian County Library saves over the next few years to fund the construction of new branches in Sparta and Clever, the Books2Go service continues to deliver requested materials and pick up returned materials at locations across the county without library branches, including Sparta, Highlandville, and Billings.

The library is making a change to its Highlandville pick-up beginning November 1. Previously, library patrons in Highlandville and Spokane could pick up and drop off their library materials at the gas station located at 160 and EE. Pick up happened in an unmanned locker box, which unfortunately experienced frequent technical issues. The new pick up location is Double E Burger and Ice Cream Shoppe, located at 339 Kentling Avenue in Highlandville. Patrons will be able to pick up requested materials inside the restaurant, and return in a drop box outside next to the building. "We're excited for this new partnership with Double E. It should provide more reliable access for library patrons in the Highlandville and Spokane areas, and it doesn't hurt that their food is pretty good too," said library Executive Director Geri Godber.



NaNoWriMo Write-In!

Each Wednesday in November (Nov. 7, 14, 21 and 28)

Nixa Branch: 2 – 7 PM

Ozark Branch: 1:30 – 7 PM

All Ages: Calling All Budding Authors! November is National Novel Writing Month and the library is hosting a write-in every week in November to celebrate! Come by the library any time during these write-ins to have a space to write your first, or next big novel. Participants must bring their own laptops or tablets to write with. Visit nanowrimo.org for more information about NaNoWriMo.

The library's other recently added pick up location is the Billings City Library. The Billings City Library is a volunteer-run library located in a city-owned building located at 291 NE Highway 60 in Billings. While this library is not part of the Christian County Library system, it has a unique collection of books for all ages, and offers classes and events. The Christian County Library partners with the Billings City Library so that Billings

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residents can have access to Christian County Library resources close to home. CCL patrons can pick up requested CCL materials at the library's front desk, and return both CCL materials and Billings City Library materials in the outdoor book drop.

Christian County Library's longtime partnership with Sparta's Town and Country Grocery continues. East Christian County residents can choose Sparta as their pick up location, then pick up at the store's customer service desk once they've been notified their items are ready. Library materials can also be returned at the book drop outside the building. "You'll also be seeing a lot more of library staff around Sparta for other library services as well as our staff has expanded and we plan in earnest for the new branch to be constructed there as soon as the money is saved. We'll be setting aside several hundred thousand dollars each year over the next few years to fund the east county and west county branches," said Godber.

"We're committed to expanding access to library services to citizens in all parts of the county," she added, "and having convenient locations for all patrons to pick up and return their library materials is an important part of that goal."



WINTER READING CHALLENGE

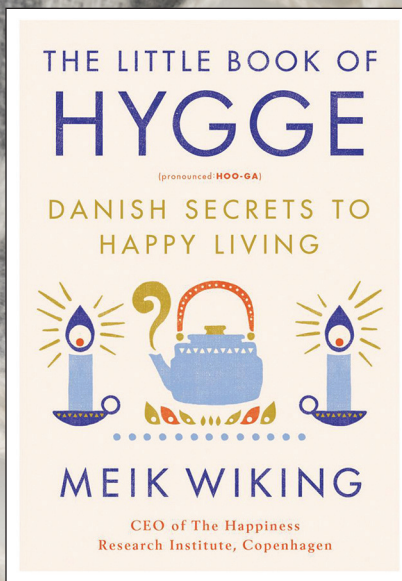
COMING IN JANUARY 2019

Our goal is to log one million minutes of reading as a community this winter. If we reach our goal we'll have a chance to benefit a local non-profit organization. Come a library branch or visit our website in December for more information about this all-ages reading challenge.

Hello, Hygge!

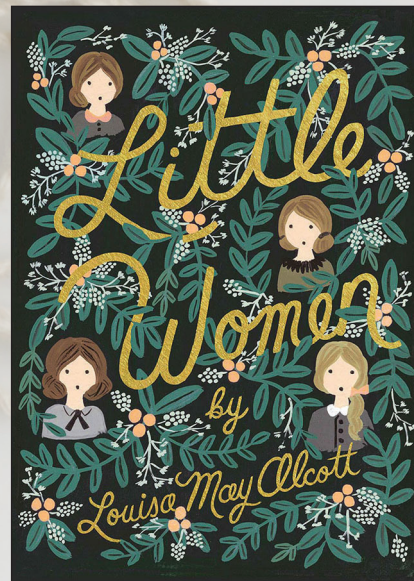
“Hygge” is a Danish concept that describes the essence of warm, comfy wellness, and communal contentment. Reading a book by firelight—that’s hygge. Snuggling under a blanket with a loved one—that’s hygge too! This season we’re embracing the chill of winter with a selection of cozy, easy reads, and Hygge-themed events for all ages.

*Look for a * symbol throughout the issue for cozy hygge events.*



***The Little Book of Hygge:
Danish Secrets to Happy Living***
by Meik Wiking

Want to better understand “hygge” and find simple ways to incorporate it in your own life? This small, easy-to-read book offers tips and ideas for bringing feelings of comfort and safety into your life and home.



Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

Winter is a good time to pick up a cozy classic. *Little Women*, the tale of the March sisters, begins at Christmas in Massachusetts during the Civil War. Poor with their father away in the war, the sisters and their mother remain close as they grow up and cope with hardships but appreciate the beauty of home and family.

I’m Proud of You



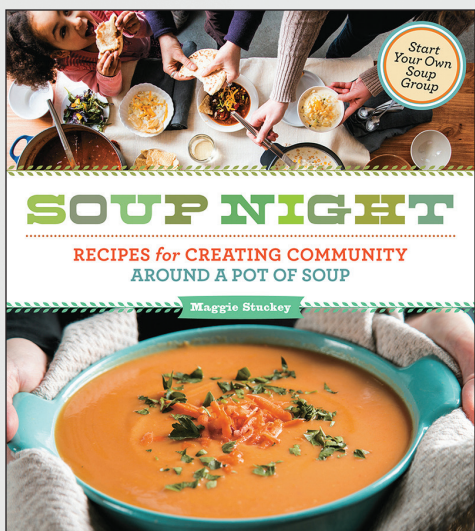
MY FRIENDSHIP WITH
FRED ROGERS

With a new afterword by the author

Tim Madigan

***I’m Proud of You: My Friendship
with Fred Rogers*** by Tim Madigan

A deep and heartwarming listen for audiobook fans, journalist Tim Madigan met children’s television star Fred Rogers when writing a profile on him in 1995. Rogers welcomed Madigan in friendship, and became a kind and gentle mentor that helped the journalist repair his relationships and understand his own emotions.



*Soup Night: Recipes for Creating Community
Around a Pot of Soup* by Maggie Stuckey

Beginning with the story of an Oregon street where neighbors gather over pots of bubbling soup, this book offers tips, techniques, and recipes for soups that will feed your family, or inspire you to start your own soup night.



*Making Winter: A Hygge-Inspired Guide to
Surviving the Winter Months* by Emma Mitchell

Winter brings shorter days and drearier landscapes, but creating things can lift your mood. From simple, nature-inspired projects to comfort food, *Making Winter* offers step-by-step instructions and cozy photos and drawings to inspire you.

TECHIE Q+A

TUESDAY, DEC. 11, 6-7 PM

@ CLEVER BRANCH

Do you have a burning question about a new technology or need guidance with a computer or device you already own?

All ages are invited to this open question-and-answer forum to ask Library IT Staff about almost anything tech related.

ADULTS (age 18+):

For more in-depth training on a specific tech topic, check out our technology courses on p. 10.

Looking for more personalized help? You can call (417) 724-6100 or visit christiancountylibrary.org to BOOK-A-TRAINER. Fill out our online form request a 30-minute one-on-one help session with a Christian County Library technology trainer.

Need Health Insurance for 2019? CoxHealth can help!

Open enrollment for the Health Insurance Marketplace begins Nov. 1 and ends Dec. 15.

Free, in-person assistance from a CoxHealth representative will be available Thursday, Nov. 29, 9 AM – 4 PM at the Ozark Branch. Call (417)269-2945 for an appointment.

We can help you:

- Explore your plan options for 2019
- Sign up for a plan that meets your needs
- Understand any changes there may be to health insurance rules
- Get financial help, if applicable

Visit covermissouri.org for more information.

TECHNOLOGY COURSES

In addition to Adult Technology Courses, Christian County Library offers free, one-on-one appointments with our technology trainers. Call (417) 724-6100 or visit our website to Book-a-Trainer.

Computer Troubleshooting

Thursday, Nov. 8, 3:30–5 PM, Nixa Branch

Is your computer not starting properly? Is it running slowly? Are you concerned about viruses and security for your device? Learn some common solutions and preventative measures that will help you avoid these problems. *Seating is limited. Call (417) 724-6100 to register. Registration opens Oct. 1.*

Introduction to Kindle Devices

Tuesday, Nov. 13, 3:30–5 PM, Ozark Branch

Amazon's Kindle is a great bargain and can be used as both an e-reader and a tablet. Learn more about your Kindle in this class, including how to get connected, navigate menus and features, download apps, use security options and parental controls, Alexa, and more. *Seating is limited. Call (417) 581-2432 to register. Registration begins Oct. 15.*

Introduction to Apple Devices

Tuesday, Nov. 20, 3:30–5 PM, Ozark Branch

Do you have an iPhone or iPad and want to learn how to use it? We'll show you how to download and organize apps, use Siri, take advantage of built-in programs and features, change your settings and the look of your screen, make calls and Facetime with other iPhone users, and more. *Seating is limited. Change to Ozark Branch. Call (417) 581-2432 to register. Registration opens Oct. 15.*



Introduction to Android Devices

Tuesday, Dec. 4, 3:30–5 PM, Ozark Branch

Learn the basics of your Android device, including managing security and privacy, downloading apps, taking photos, communicating with others, and more. *Seating is limited. Change to Ozark Branch. Call (417) 581-2432 to register. Registration opens Nov. 11.*

Introduction to Windows 10

Tuesday, Dec. 18, 3:30–5 PM, Ozark Branch

Have you upgraded to Windows 10? Learn how the operating system differs from previous versions of Windows. Bring your own laptop to follow along if you like. *Seating is limited. Change to Ozark Branch. Call (417) 581-2432 to register. Registration opens Nov. 19.*

Computer Skills I: Meet the Computer

Thursday, Jan. 3, 3:30–5 PM, Nixa Branch

Begin at the beginning! Discover basic computer parts and what they do. Learn how to use a mouse or trackpad, what the keyboard does, and how to improve



your typing skills. Learn how digital information is stored and how portable storage devices can help you. *Seating is limited. Call (417) 724-6100 to register. Registration opens Dec. 3.*

Computer Skills II: Software

Thursday, Jan. 10, 3:30–5 PM, Nixa Branch

What is the difference between hardware and software? We'll discuss the difference between different operating systems and how to manipulate Windows. *Seating is limited. Call (417) 724-6100 to register. Registration opens Dec. 3.*

Computer Skills III: Settings

Thursday, Jan. 17, 3:30–5 PM, Nixa Branch

Learn how to go into the Control Panel on your computer and discover the tasks you can perform from there. Learn how to change your desktop settings and give your computer a more customized look. Learn about some built-in features that make your computer more accessible for those with disabilities. *Seating is limited. Call (417) 724-6100 to register. Registration opens Dec. 3.*

Computer Skills IV: File Management

Thursday, Jan. 24, 3:30–5 PM, Nixa Branch

Learn to organize your files so you can easily recover information on your computer. Learn to create new folders, to rename old ones, and to locate files you saved on your computer. *Seating is limited. Call (417) 724-6100 to register. Registration opens Dec. 3.*

Computer Skills V: Copy + Paste

Thursday, Jan. 31, 3:30–5 PM, Nixa Branch

Learn how to use the copy and paste functions to save information from the Internet, in your email, or on your hard drive, and move information on your computer. We'll also discuss how to use keyboard shortcuts to complete tasks more quickly. *Seating is limited. Call (417) 724-6100 to register. Registration opens Dec. 3.*

EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Programs for Adults, age 18+, unless noted otherwise.

MONTHLY BOOK CLUBS

No Time to Read a Book Club

First Thursday of each month

Nov. 1, Dec. 6, and Jan. 3

7:30–8:30 PM, Clever Branch

Do you love to read but find it difficult to find time to finish a book? Join us in a monthly book discussion where you only read a few chapters of a book, then we'll put the pieces of the story together as a group. Can you restrain yourself from reading the entire book before we meet? *Seating is limited.* Call (417) 743-2277 to register. Registration opens Oct. 1.

- **Nov. 1:** *The Lost Letter* by Jillian Cantor.
Registration begins Oct. 1.
- **Dec. 6:** *A Piece of the World* by Christina Baker Kline.
Registration begins Nov. 1.
- **Jan. 3:** *The Rules of Magic* by Alice Hoffman.
Registration begins Dec. 1.

Spellbooks + Wizards

Second Tuesday of each month

Nov. 13, Dec. 11, and Jan. 8

6–7 PM, Nixa Branch

"Books & Baristas" has been temporarily transfigured into Spellbooks & Wizards! Grab your broomsticks and wands, and join the Wizarding community of Christian County for an epic read-through of J.K. Rowling's enchanting *Harry Potter* series. Whether you are a Hogwarts graduate looking to rekindle the magic or a First Year novice new to the Wizarding World, it's sure to be a magically good time.

- **Nov. 13:** *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*
- **Dec. 11:** *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*
- **Jan. 8:** *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*

The Continuing Story Book Club

Second Wednesday of each month

Nov. 14, Dec. 12, and Jan. 9

1:30–2:30 PM, Clever Branch

Senior Adults (age 55+): Want to get hooked on a new series? We'll meet each month at this book club to read one book from a series and will continue each month until the series is completed. We'll be kicking it off with the *Harold Fry* series by Rachel Joyce, and in January we'll begin the *Prince Edward Island Dreams* series by Liz Johnson.

- **Nov. 14:** *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*
by Rachel Joyce.
- **Dec. 12:** *The Love Song of Miss Queenie Hennessy*
by Rachel Joyce
- **Jan. 9:** *The Red Door Inn* by Liz Johnson.

Brown Bag + Book Club

Fourth Tuesday of each month

Nov. 27, Dec. 18 and Jan. 22

1–2 PM, Ozark Branch

Join us each month to discuss recent and popular fiction and non-fiction titles. Bring your lunch if you'd like, and we'll provide drinks and dessert. **SCHEDULING NOTE:** December book club will be on third Tuesday due to the holiday.

- **Nov. 27:** *See What I Have Done* by Sara Schmidt
- **Dec. 18:** *Beneath a Scarlet Sky* by Mark T. Sullivan
- **Jan. 22:** *Rules of Civility* by Amor Towles



MONTHLY EVENTS

Cooking School

Do your tastebuds begin to tingle as we edge closer to the holidays? Each month at Ozark we're exploring a new cooking technique. Get ready to wow your friends and family with new cooking knowledge and techniques this season!

Perfect Pie Crust

Saturday, Nov. 3, 1–2 PM, Ozark Branch

Making the perfect pie doesn't have to be complicated. Library staff David Eby will demonstrate how to make a delicious, flaky pie crust just in time for the holidays! *Seating is limited. Call (417) 581-2432 to register. Registration opens Oct. 1.*

Sugar Cookie Decorating

Saturday, Dec. 8, 1–2 PM, Ozark Branch

It's the time of year for holiday baking and cookie exchanges. Olivia Bacon of Liv's Sweet Life Bakery will demonstrate some tools and techniques to make beautifully decorated sugar cookies. Ingredients and tools will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own. Ages 11–17 allowed with adult. *Seating is limited. Call (417) 581-2432 to register. Registration opens Nov. 17.*

*All About Tea

Saturday, Jan. 12, 2–3 PM, Ozark Branch

Explore the world of tea with Clayton Lile of Tantara Farms. He'll teach us about the history and varieties of tea, and how to select and prepare tea, and we'll taste samples from Tantara Farms. *Seating is limited. Call (417) 581-2432 to register. Registration opens Dec. 23.*

Not Your Average BINGO!

Third Thursday of each month

Nov. 15, Dec. 20, and Jan. 17

10:30–11:30 AM, Clever Branch

Come play BINGO with us! Join us every third Thursday of each month as we play a classic game with a literary twist.

Between the Lines Coloring Club

Third Monday of the month

Nov. 19, Dec. 17, and Jan. 28

6–7 PM, Clever Branch

Clear away the Monday blues and relieve stress with our coloring for adults. The library will provide supplies, or bring your own if you wish. **SCHEDULING NOTE:** January coloring club is the fourth Monday due to the holiday.

Friday Film Club

Fridays: Nov. 9, Dec. 7, and Jan. 11

6–9 PM, Nixa Branch

Movies are an engaging medium for storytelling, and can be studied and analyzed like a work of literature. Join us to view an important film and discuss its structure, artistry, screenplay, and symbolism. Refreshments provided.

- **Nov. 9:** *Fantastic Beasts Speakeasy Party*. Details: pg. 14.
- **Dec. 7:** *Doubt*. Rated PG-13.
- **Jan. 11:** *The Red Shoes*. This film is not rated.

Writing the Stories of Our Lives

Second Tuesday of each month

Nov. 13, Dec. 11, and Jan. 8

12–1:30 PM, Ozark Branch

Find your voice so you can begin to tell your story in writing. Susan Rogers will help you discover what tools work best for you and help you find inspiration for the story you want to tell, no matter what it is.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Yoga at the Library — Ozark

Tuesdays, Nov. 6–Jan. 29 (Except Dec. 25 and Jan. 1), 6–7 PM, Ozark Branch

Join us every Tuesday at Ozark Library for our popular Hatha yoga class. This gentle, restorative yoga class, taught by certified instructor Debra Tucker of 417CreateArt and Ageless Yoga, will introduce students to basic principles of alignment and technique while slowly strengthening the body and calming the mind. This 45-minute class is free of charge and suitable for all levels. November Yoga in Ozark is sponsored by Hazel's Flowers, "where it can be arranged."

Yoga at the Library — Nixa

Thursdays, Nov. 1–Jan. 31, 6–7 PM, Nixa Branch

Join us every Thursday at Nixa Library for our popular Hatha yoga class. This gentle, restorative yoga class, taught by certified instructor Debra Tucker of 417CreateArt and Ageless Yoga, will introduce students to basic principles of alignment and technique while slowly strengthening the body and calming the mind. This 45-minute class is free of charge and suitable for all levels. No registration Required.

MORE EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Schoolcraft Then and Now

Thursday, Nov. 1, 6:30–7:30 PM, Ozark Branch

On New Year's Day, 1819, Schoolcraft and Pettibone made their way to one of the largest cave openings in Missouri. Amazed by the geologic wonders of this cave, Schoolcraft then created one of the most detailed geologic descriptions. Now, 200 years later, the words of Schoolcraft still match the same distinctive features found today. Smallin Cave archaeologist Eric Fuller will share the Schoolcraft quotes and modern photographs that help relive that moment in Smallin Cave (Schoolcraft's Winoca Cave). Learn how the Schoolcraft bicentennial is being celebrated with the cave's recent inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places and a visit from Principal Chief Geoffrey Standingbear of the Osage Nation.

Legal Matters: Pro Se Divorce

Monday, Nov. 5, 6:30–8 PM, Nixa Branch

Divorce can be a costly legal matter. Pro Se divorce, or uncontested divorce, is not right for every situation, but can lower the legal costs. Jessica Martin of Martin & Wall LLC will help us understand when pro se divorce might be practical, and what is involved in handling a divorce without an attorney. *Seating is limited. Call (417) 724-6100 to register. Registration opens Oct. 16.*

Fantastic Beasts Speakeasy Party

Friday, Nov. 9, 6–9 PM, Nixa Branch

Ankle on down to the Nixa Branch for a magical evening of

1920s wizardry! We'll watch *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them* (rated PG-13) in preparation for the sequel, *Fantastic Beasts: Crimes of Grindelwald*, while enjoying snacks and playing a Wizarding World trivia game (with prizes for the winner). Don't be a blue-nosed No-Maj... this shindig will be the berries! Come dressed in your flapper best if you'd like, and get ready for a swell time. Ages 12–17 allowed with adult. *Seating is limited. Call (417) 724-6100 to register. Registration opens Oct. 12.*

A Year of Everyday Theme Dining

Saturday, Nov. 17, 10:30–11:30 AM, Ozark Branch

Make your meals exciting by choosing a theme. Patsy Bennitt, local blogger and author of *Everyday Afternoon Teas*, will share tips on invitations, printed menus, tablescapes, food selection and party takeaways. Release your creative side and thrill your family and friends. *Seating is limited. Call (417) 581-2432 to register. Registration opens Oct. 27.*

Art School: Flannel Wreath

Saturday, Dec. 8, 10–11:30 AM, Ozark Branch

Learn how to make a wreath using flannel-inspired ribbon and a wreath form to serve as a cozy front door adornment through the holidays and into the rest of winter. Supplies will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own. *Seating is limited. Call (417) 581-2432 to register. Registration opens Nov. 17.*

Create a Vision Board**Saturday, Jan. 5, 1–3 PM, Nixa Branch**

We've all heard the phrase "New year, New you," but what can you do to help make your new resolutions a reality? A vision board is a physical representation of your goals that serves as a year-round reminder to keep at it when the going gets tough. Join us for a calm, creative session to make your own vision board for 2019. *Seating is limited. Call (417) 724-6100 to register. Registration opens Dec. 15.*

*** Cozy Saturday with Meg + Tom****Saturday, Jan. 5, 1–5 PM, Ozark Branch**

Curl up in your pajamas and watch Meg Ryan & Tom Hanks fall in love—twice! We'll begin with *Sleepless in Seattle* (rated PG) at 1:00; followed by *You've Got Mail* (rated PG) at 3:00. We'll provide snacks, but feel free to bring your own favorite movie treats.

Legal Matters: Pro Se Custody**Monday, Jan. 14, 6:30–8 PM, Ozark Branch**

Jessica Martin from Martin and Wall LLC will help answer the question of whether filing for custody pro se, or self-representation, is right for your situation, and what steps to take before and during the process. *Seating is limited. Call (417) 581-2432 to register. Registration opens Dec. 17.*

Legal Matters: Planning for the Future**Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2–5 PM, Ozark Branch**

Learn the steps you need to take to protect yourself and your family's financial future. An attorney from Ozarks Elder Law will explain wills, trusts, living trusts, power of attorney and other things to consider when planning for the future. *Seating is limited. Call (417) 581-2432 to register. Registration opens Dec. 21.*

The Golden Girls Trivia Contest**Friday, Jan. 18, 6–8 PM, Nixa Branch**

Step out onto the lanai for a lively trivia contest about one of the most enduring and popular sitcoms ever created, the 1980s staple *The Golden Girls*. We'll munch on cheesecake and swap St. Olaf stories while racking our brains for everything Blanche, Dorothy, Rose, and Sophia ever got up to. The winning participant will walk home with a wicker basket full of Golden Girls goodies! *Seating is limited. Call (417) 724-6100 to register. Registration opens December 21.*

*** The Japanese Art of Gift-Wrapping****Saturday, Jan. 19, 2–3 PM, Ozark Branch**

Add an extra touch of charm to your gifts and help cut down on paper waste at the same time! Join us as origami artist Mika Logan instructs us in Furoshiki, the Japanese art of gift wrapping with reuseable cloth. *Seating is limited. Call (417) 581-2432 to register. Registration opens Dec. 15.*

Staging Your Home for Sale**Saturday, Jan. 26, 10:30–11:30 AM, Ozark Branch**

When you're selling your home, you want to highlight its strengths and downplay its weaknesses. Amy Brown of Simply Staging by Amy will offer tools and tips to stage your home for sale so it appeals to buyers.





EVENTS FOR TEENS

*Programs for Teens in grades 7–12
unless noted otherwise.*

MONTHLY EVENTS

Teen Book Club — Nixa

First Thursday of each month:

Nov. 1, Dec. 6, and Jan. 3; 4–5 PM, Nixa Branch

Join us for a discussion of this month's book selection and enjoy some light snacks. Need a copy of a book? Check one out at your local branch or email youthservices@christiancountylibrary.org. *Please notify the Library of any allergies.*

- **Nov. 1:** *Briar Rose* by Jane Yolen
- **Dec. 6:** *Genius: The Game* by Leopold Gout
- **Jan. 3:** *The Book of Lies* by Teri Terry

Teen Book Club — Ozark

First Tuesday of each month:

Nov. 6, Dec. 4, and Jan. 8: 4–5 PM, Ozark Branch

Join us for a discussion of this month's book selection and enjoy some light snacks. Need a copy of a book? Check one out at your local branch or email youthservices@christiancountylibrary.org. *Please notify the Library of any allergies.* **SCHEDULING NOTE:** January's meeting will be on the second Tuesday due to the holiday.

- **Nov. 6:** *Briar Rose* by Jane Yolen
- **Dec. 4:** *Genius: The Game* by Leopold Gout
- **Jan. 8:** *The Book of Lies* by Teri Terry

Teen Advisory Board

Nixa Branch: First Tuesday of each month:

Nov. 6 and Dec. 4, 4:30–5:30 PM

Ozark Branch: Fourth Thursday of each month:

Nov. 29, and Jan. 24; 4:30–5:30 PM

Teens (grades 8–12): We are dying to know what is cool in the teen world and what kinds of events you want to see happen at the library! Join the advisory board and you will earn volunteer hours, play fun games, and meet other amazing teens in your area. This will also look great on future job and college applications. Sound like a good time? Apply for a spot on the Teen Advisory Board at the library or online at christiancountylibrary.org/support/. Forms must be filled out and approved before attending a meeting. **SCHEDULING NOTE:** There will be no meeting in January at Nixa due to the New Year's holidays. There will be no meeting in December at Ozark due to the Christmas holiday.

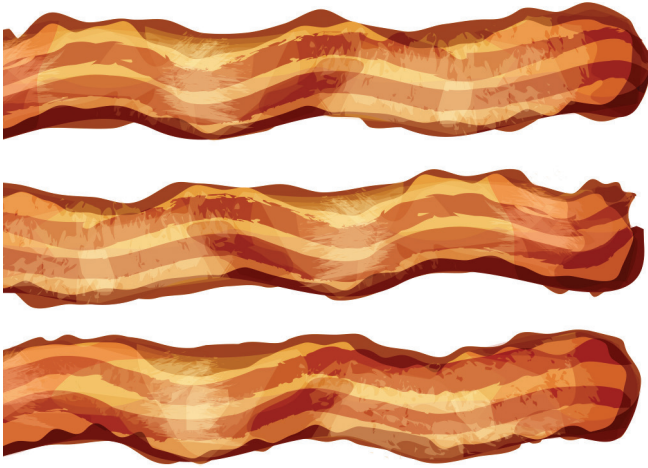
#trendingteens

Last Friday of each month, 4–5 PM, Clever Branch

Teens (grades 9–12): Are you on top of the latest internet trends? Bring your friends to the library and be a part of what's #trending for the day. We'll play fun games and make Pinterest-worthy art. **SCHEDULING NOTE:** December's meeting will be on the third week due to the holidays.

- **Nov 30:** Disney Trivia
- **Dec. 21:** Rock Painting
- **Jan. 25:** Rainsticks

MORE EVENTS FOR TEENS



The Epic "Versus" Battle Royale Tournament — Teen Edition

Monday, Nov. 5, 3:30–5 PM, Nixa Branch

Create your own trading cards of your favorite characters, animals, and inanimate objects and engage in epic battles against other card-holders! Cards will advance through tournament brackets until the ultimate winner is decided. Will it be bacon, a unicorn, or a surprise contender? You'll have to come and find out!

Teens Only

International Board Games Night

Thursday, Nov. 8, 3:30–6:30 PM, Ozark Branch

Come celebrate International Games Week with us at the library! Get ready for a fun night filled with snacks and lots of fun board games.

Wonka's Chocolympics for Teens

Saturday, Nov. 17, 3:30–4:30 PM, Ozark Branch

Join us for an afternoon of chocolaty fun. Compete in a pie eating contest, chug a mug of hot cocoa, sort through a pile of M&Ms and much more! *Seating is limited. Call (417) 581-2432 to register. Registration opens Oct. 27. Please let the library know about any food allergies when you register.*

Home Alone Movie Party

Tuesday, Dec. 11, 5:30–7:30 PM, Ozark Branch

Gather around to watch the classic 1990 movie, *Home Alone* (rated PG). Experience the thrilling story of Kevin McCallister's antics after his family accidentally leaves him

home alone while they vacation for the holidays. We'll replicate the iconic *Home Alone* house out of candy or build our own inspired candy cottages while we watch. *Seating is limited. Call (417) 581-2432 to register. Registration opens Nov. 20. Please notify the library about any food allergies when you register.*

Story War

Nixa Branch: Wednesday, Dec. 12, 4:30–5:30 PM

Ozark Branch: Thursday, Jan. 17, 4:30–5:30 PM

Dip your toes into the world of creative writing with Story War! Choose a character, a battlefield, and a magical item, and craft a story with your friends. The winner will receive a prize.

Saturday Morning Cartoons

Saturday, Jan. 5, 9 AM–12 PM, Ozark Branch

Do you miss the days when all you had to do on Saturday mornings was eat cereal and watch your favorite cartoons? Join us for a Saturday morning in your pajamas to watch the best cartoons from our childhood and eat our favorite childhood breakfast food! *Seating is limited. Call (417) 724-6100 to register. Registration opens Jan. 1. Please notify the library about any food allergies when you register.*

* Hygge Chill Day

Tuesday, Jan. 15, 1–4:30 PM, Nixa Branch

Get rid of the winter blahs with a chill afternoon at the library! Relax with coloring, puzzles, movies, and other cozy fun at this come and go event.

* Cozy No Sew Pillows for Teens

Saturday, Jan. 19, 11 AM–12:30 PM, Ozark Branch

Do you have an old T-Shirt that you just can't let go of? It may be a bit worn out, or too small, but you just love it? Save that favorite tee by turning it into a comfy pillow for your bedroom. Bring a favorite shirt or two to the library, and learn how to transform it into a unique decoration. *Seating is limited. Call (417) 581-2432 to register. Registration opens Jan. 1.*

EVENTS FOR TWEENS

*Programs for Tweens in
grades 3–7 unless noted otherwise.*

MONTHLY EVENTS

Tween Book Club

**First Saturday of each month: Nov. 3, Dec. 1,
and Jan. 5; 3–4 PM, Ozark Branch**

We're kicking off a new book club just for you! Join us each month to talk with other tweens about a new book while snacking on some light treats. Pick up a copy this month's book at your local library branch, or see a youth services staff member to put one on hold today. Please notify the Library of any allergies when you register.

- **Nov. 3:** *Save Me a Seat* by Sarah Weeks
- **Dec. 1:** *Unbound* by Ann E. Burg
- **Jan. 5:** Book Club Pick! We'll pick the book at our first meeting. See a youth services staff member after the first club meeting for January's title.

Tween Advisory Board

**Nixa Branch: Second Tuesday of each month:
Nov. 13, Dec. 11, and Jan. 8; 4:30–5:30 PM**

**Ozark Branch: Second Friday of each month:
Nov. 9, Dec. 14, and Jan. 11; 3:30–4:30 PM**

We are dying to know what is cool in the tween world and what kind of events you wish were happening at the library! Join the advisory board and you will get to help plan events, play fun games, and meet other amazing

tweens in your area. Sound like a good time? *Registration is required: Apply for a spot on the Tween Advisory Board at the library or online at christiancountylibrary.org/support/. Forms must be filled out and approved before attending.*

Tinker Tuesday

**Fourth Tuesday of each month: Nov. 27, and Jan. 22;
3–5 PM, Ozark Branch**

School age (K–7th Grade): Have you ever wanted to use your imagination to create amazing things? Come to Ozark and use your mind to solve a problem or just make something fun. Every month we'll have new activities to try. Join us anytime from 3–5 p.m. **SCHEDULING NOTE:** There will be no Tinker Tuesdays in December due to the holiday.

Tween Time

**Fridays: Nov. 16, Dec. 7, and Jan. 18;
3–4 PM, Clever Branch**

Tweens (grades 5–8): Craft something new with us each month! Bring a friend or meet new ones while we get creative with a variety of activities.

- **Nov. 16:** Zentangles
- **Dec. 7:** Sugar Cookie Wars
- **Jan. 18:** Papier Mâché

MORE EVENTS FOR TWEENS

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Saturday, Nov. 17, 2–3 PM, Ozark Branch

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Candy Cane Coding

Saturday, Dec. 8, 10–11 AM, Ozark Branch

Come learn the secrets behind computer language and how to spell your name with it at the same time. We’ll create personalized beaded candy canes using binary code.

Candy Cottage Workshop

Saturday, Dec. 15, 3:30–4:30 PM, Ozark Branch

If you like to build things, and you like candy, then this workshop is for you. Become a candy architect and build the cottage of your dreams. *Seating is limited. Call (417) 581-2432 to register. Registration opens Oct. 27. Please let the library know about any food allergies when you register.*

Elf Movie Party

Tuesday, Dec. 18, 4:30–6:30 PM, Nixa Branch

Don’t be a cotton-headed ninny-muggins! Nerd out with other fans while you watch “Elf,” rated PG, on the big screen and stock up on Christmas cheer with food and activities that would make Buddy proud! *Seating is limited. Call (417) 724-6100 to register. Registration opens Nov. 27. Please let the library know about any food allergies when you register.*

Saturday Morning Cartoons

Saturday, Jan. 26, 9 AM–12 PM, Nixa Branch

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EVENTS FOR KIDS

WEEKLY EVENTS

Music + Movement

Nixa Branch: Every Friday, Nov. 2–Jan. 25
(except Nov. 23, and Dec. 28); 10–11 AM

Ozark Branch: Every Thursday, Nov. 1–Jan 31
(except Nov. 22 and Dec. 27); 10:30–11:30 AM

Babies (infants–age 2): Join us each week at your local branch for Music and Movement. This storytime includes finger plays, action rhymes, and plenty of songs! Together, you and our child will learn early literacy skills that will help them grow into eager readers using Racing to Read, the library's early literacy initiative.

Family Storytime

Clever Branch: Every Tuesday, Nov. 6–Jan. 28
(except Nov. 20, Dec. 25 & Jan. 1); 11 AM–12 PM

Nixa Branch: Every Thursday, Nov. 1–Jan. 31
(except Nov. 22, & Dec. 27); 10–11 AM

Ozark Branch: Every Wednesday, Nov. 7–Jan. 30
(except Nov. 21 and Dec. 26); 10–11 AM &
11 AM–12 PM

Sparta Fire Station: Every Tuesday, Nov. 6–Jan. 29
(except Nov. 20, Dec. 25, & Jan. 1); 10–11 AM

Families (infants–age 6): Join us each week at your local branch for Family Storytime. This storytime has stories, songs, and activities for parents and children to do together while learning early literacy skills using Racing to Read, the library's early literacy initiative.

MONTHLY EVENTS

PAWS For Reading

Clever Branch: Last Wednesday of each month:

Nov. 28, Dec. 19, and Jan. 30; 4:30–5:30 PM

Nixa Branch: Fourth Monday of each month,

Nov. 26, Dec. 17, and Jan. 28; 4:30–6 PM

Ozark Branch: Second Monday of each month,

Nov. 19, Dec. 10, and Jan. 14; 4:30–6 PM

Families (all ages): Come read to a dog trained by the Alliance of Therapy Pets. Children who are having reading difficulties can be self-conscious about reading aloud, but sitting and reading with a dog can help them relax, build self-esteem, and associate reading with a fun experience.

SCHEDULING NOTE: December events will be on the third week of the month due to the holiday.

Game Night at the Library

Second Friday of each month: Nov. 9, Dec. 14, and Jan. 11; 6:30–9:30 PM, Clever Branch

Families (All ages): Are you up for a little friendly competition? We'll meet every second Friday of the month for board games, dominoes, cards, trivia, BINGO, and more. Bring your friends or family to compete and meet new friends.

Book BINGO

Third Saturday of each month: Nov. 17, Dec. 15, and Jan. 19; 11 AM–12 PM, Nixa Branch

Families (all ages): Come to Nixa Library to play Book BINGO

with us, and compete to win a prize. Bring the whole family and see who will win!

Tinker Tuesday

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School age (K–7th Grade): Have you ever wanted to use your imagination to create amazing things? Come to Ozark and use your mind to solve a problem or just make something fun. Every month we'll have new activities to try. Join us anytime from 3–5 p.m. **SCHEDULING NOTE:** There will be no Tinker Tuesdays in December due to the holiday.

Homeschoolers Connect

Last Friday of each month: Nov. 30, Dec. 21, and Jan. 25; 10–11 AM, Clever Branch

School age (grades 2–4): Get creative and innovative with other homeschoolers as we work together to take on new STEAM activities and projects each month. *Seating is limited. Call (417) 743-2277 to register. Registration opens on the first of the month for each event. Please register once for each child that will attend.* **SCHEDULING NOTE:** The December event will take place on the third Friday of the month due to the holidays.

MORE EVENTS FOR KIDS

Building Block Bash

Monday, Nov. 5, 10:30–11:30 AM, Nixa Branch

Families (all ages): The 2018–2019 Building Block nominees have been highlighted in family storytime this fall. Now that you have enjoyed the books in storytime, come to the Building Block Bash, where you can vote for your favorite title and participate in fun, nominee-themed activities.

International Games Day

Saturday, Nov. 10, 10 AM–3PM, Ozark Branch

Families (all ages): Celebrate the last day of International Games week with a day packed with board games.

Become a chess master with help from the Springfield Park Board Chess Club or learn the basics of D&D. Snacks and drinks will be provided, so bring a friend! *Please let the library know about any food allergies.*

Glow in the Dark Storytime

Friday, Nov. 30, 5:30–6:30 PM, Ozark Branch

Families (all ages): Days are getting shorter and nights are getting longer... what better time is there for a special glow in the dark storytime? Get comfy in your favorite PJs, and join us for some fun night-time themed stories and a glow in the dark playtime.

Holiday Movie Marathon — Nixa**Saturday, Dec. 1, 9 AM–1 PM, Nixa Branch**

Families (all ages): We will be showing our favorite holiday movies all morning. Stop by anytime to join in on our movie marathon!

Candy Cottage Workshop**Thursday, Dec. 13, 3:30–4:30 PM, Ozark Branch**

Families (all ages): Calling all builders with a sweet tooth! Become a candy architect and build the cottage of your dreams at our Candy Cottage Workshop. Candy and materials will be provided. *Seating is limited. Call (417) 581-2432 to register. Registration opens Nov. 22. Please let the library know about any food allergies when you register.*

Holiday Movie Marathon — Ozark**Saturday, Dec. 22, 9 AM–4:30 PM, Ozark Branch**

Families (all ages): We will be showing holiday movie favorites all day long. Stop by anytime during Library hours to join in the marathon and make a special holiday craft.

Snow Storm in a Jar**Thursday, Jan. 10, 5:30–6:30 PM, Ozark Branch**

Families (all ages): Capture the wonder of winter in this whimsical learning activity. Observe the science behind the “snow” that forms in the jar and learn just how the magic happens! *Seating is limited. Call (417) 581-2432 to register. Registration opens Dec. 20.*

*** Hygge Rock Painting Extravaganza****Saturday, Jan. 12, 1–4 PM, Nixa Branch**

Families (all ages): Escape the winter chill as we cozy up indoors for rock painting activities. Keep one rock for yourself and hide another as a delightful surprise for someone else! Laura, a local rock enthusiast, will help guide you on your adventure. All supplies will be provided.

Library Play Day: Box Village**Tuesday, Jan. 15, 10:30 AM–4:30 PM,
Ozark Branch**

Families (all ages): Come explore our kid-sized cardboard village and enjoy a day of imaginative play. Invite a friend and play for hours, or just stop by and explore for a while.





Santa's Workshop

FRIDAY, NOV. 30, 2-5 PM, OZARK BRANCH

SATURDAY, DEC. 1, 10 AM -4 PM, OZARK BRANCH

Children can come meet and have their photo taken with Santa, and shop his Workshop for inexpensive gifts for parents, grandparents, siblings and friends. Assisted gift-wrapping is available.

Note: Friends of the Library welcome donations of gift bags, tissue paper, ribbons, bows, and small new or lightly used household items and toys.

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